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COAL PRODUCTION FROM CAPTIVE BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had set a target of producing about 104 m.t. Coal from captive blocks allotted to private sector but the actual production was only about 15 percent in the first year of the current Five Year Plan;

(b) if so,the details of the number of Coal blocks allotted to various parties;

(c) whether the production in these coal blocks has been delayed;

(d) if so,the reasons thereof;

(e) the number of reports received by Coal India Ltd. regarding shortage of coal stock in different subsidiaries;and

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL(SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a): The captive coal blocks are allotted to both public and private sector companies.As such, the production from coal blocks allotted to both public and private sector during the terminal year of the current Five Year Plan i.e. 2011-12 is projected at 104 million tonnes. The production projection from the coal blocks allocated to both public and private sector during the first year of the current Five Year Plan i.e.2006-07 was 23.93 million tonnes against which the production was 21.17 million tonnes.

(b): As on date,a total of 198 coal blocks to various public/private sector parties with approximate geological reserves of about 42 billion tonnes have been allocated.

(c)&(d): As per the guidelines,coal production from captive coal block should commence within 36 months(42 months in case the area falls in forest land) in case of open case mines and in 48 months (54 months in case the area falls in forest land) in case of under ground mine, from the date of allocation.If the coal block is not explored,additional two years are allowed for detailed exploration and preparation of geological report.So far,production from 20 coal blocks has commenced.The allocatees of coal blocks,who have not started production so far, are in various stages of obtaining statutory clearances and mining lease,preparing mining plan, acquisition of land,procuring machinery and equipment etc. for both mining as well as end-use project.

(e): During the Coal Stock Measurement in 2007-08,shortage of coal stock was detected in the following coal mines of Coal India Limited:-

i) Eastern Coalfields Limited: Sodepur (R) Colliery UG,Nabakajora UG, Parascole E UG, Parascole W UG,Jambad UG and Rajmahal OCP.

ii) Bharat Coking Coal Limited: Block IV mine-mixed mine.

iii)Central Coalfields Limited: Ara Colliery,Kuju area-mixed mine and Saunda Colliery,Barka Saya Area UG.

(f): Disciplinary proceedings have been initiated by the management of the respective subsidiary companies against the officials found responsible for such shortages.